Authors and Their Books.

Author’s lives may affect their writings in many different ways. Poe had a tough life because of his mom dying of TB when he was three, and death shows up in his stories. Just like Poe S.E. Hinton’s life also shows up in her novel The Outsiders. When readers look at author’s lives, parts of their books are present.

Poe was very influenced in his writing with many experiences of death in his life. The big themes in Poe’s writing are death, horrifying images, and misery. In the story “The Cask of Amontillado” Montresor buries Fortunato alive in a catacomb because he wanted revenge. In “The Tell-Tale Heart” was about an old man with the blue covered eye. Another man killed the old man because of his eye. Just like in his stories, he also had a lot of death in his life. His mom died when he was three and she was 24. His foster mom also died when he was 19. Poe thought he was cursed because everyone that he loved died of TB. Poe’s life really influenced his writing because of death.

Poe and S.E. Hinton both have similarities with their stories, because they both were influenced by their life in their writing. S.E. Hinton was influenced by her life to write her book *The Outsiders*. “But I didn’t write *The Outsiders* I lived it” she says. She lived what she wrote about but she used a boy as her main character to hide her identity. The book is based off of what she went through. She was sixteen years old when she wrote this book. It’s better for a teenager to write about teenage life, because they know what other teenagers are going through instead of adults who don’t know what it is like. This is how S.E. Hinton was influenced by her writing.

Lives of authors come up in their writings. Poe always wrote about his experiences of death. S.E. Hinton writes about the social issues she dealt with when she went to high school. It is easy for authors to write about their lives in their books than something totally different. They can connect better with it.